

but I look forward to working with him. I am sure he will follow in the able footsteps of all the past United States Marines Corps Commandants, and serve the Marines and America admirably.●

MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

● Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, over the Memorial Day weekend, a series of events and memorial services were held in Indianapolis honoring our nation's Medal of Honor winners. Nearly 100 of all of the living Medal of Honor recipients came to Indiana to participate in the ceremonies as honored guests. In addition to paying tribute to these heroes and celebrating their remarkable accomplishments with a healthy dose of Hoosier hospitality, a new memorial to the Medal of Honor winners was dedicated. This memorial is only one of its kind in the nation. All of this was made possible by countless numbers of volunteers who worked tirelessly to carry out this program that was initiated and undertaken by IPALCO Enterprises of Indianapolis.

Following this remarkable weekend, I received a letter from Major General Robert G. Moorhead, USA (Ret.), who through his words captured the sentiments of many of my State who were a part of these historic and moving events.

At this time, Mr. President, I ask that an excerpt from General Moorhead's letter be printed in the RECORD.

The excerpt follows.

As the last days of the 20th century continue to unfold, Memorial Day weekend in the capital of Indiana was one to remember. Nearly 100 Medal of Honor recipients were guests for a series of stirring tributes. These included a solemn Memorial Service; the dedication of the only memorial to recipients of the Medal of Honor; grand marshals in the IPALCO 500 Festival Parade; an outdoor concert by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra; and a parade lap around the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway oval prior to the start of the race.

As the 20th century draws to a close, many wonder if the nation has lost sight of the sacrifices which have been made to preserve freedom. After this Memorial Day weekend in Indianapolis, my heart remains swollen with pride in our land and my fellow citizens. The reception given these ordinary men who did extraordinary things can never be equaled.

I am especially proud of the untold hundreds of volunteers who gave of their time and talent to make these events possible. Memorial Day Weekend 1999 did much to convince me that our nation's freedom loving spirit is alive and well. It also underscored the true meaning of "Hoosier Hospitality."

Sincerely,

MG ROBERT G. MOORHEAD,

USA Ret.●

WE THE PEOPLE FINALS

● Mr. ENZI. Mr. President, I rise to recognize the outstanding achievement

of the students of Central High School from Cheyenne, Wyoming in the national finals of We The People . . . The Citizen and the Constitution program. They recently made a trip to the Nation's Capital to participate in a mock congressional hearing where they played the role of constitutional experts testifying before a panel of judges. Their fellow students at Central High, their families and friends, along with the people of Cheyenne and the entire state of Wyoming are very proud of these students who spent long hours studying the Constitution and the related court cases to be able to answer detailed and complex questions about the Constitution that would normally be considered by the Supreme Court.

Guided by their teacher, Donald Morris, these students took on the difficult task of competing against 1,250 other students from across the nation. They worked together for a whole semester to master the ins and outs of the Constitution and the Supreme Court cases that set important precedents. In doing so they learned a great deal about the value of friendship and the importance of teamwork. I hope that more schools in Wyoming and around the nation take advantage of the We The People program.

When I was a Boy Scout back in Sheridan, Wyoming, I earned my Citizenship in the Nation merit badge by creating a series of charts showing the system of checks and balances contained in the Constitution. Although it did not occur to me at the time, I am sure part of me was inspired and wanted to get more involved in government and our democratic process. Now I am a part of that system that relies so heavily on the Charters of Freedom that were crafted with such diligence by our Founding Fathers. I hope that a love of the Constitution, the law and our nation's history will similarly inspire all our young people to become more involved in their government and by so doing take hold of the reins on their future.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize these students by name. They are David Angel, Kristen Barton, Beth Brabson, Michelle Brain, Mary Connaghan, Mariah Martin, Andrea Mau, Alison McGuire, Rachel Michael, Joanna Morris, Leigh Nelson, Tiffany Price, Lydia Renneisen, Shannon Scritchfield, Erica Tonso and Katie Zaback. They are truly remarkable young adults and I extend my heartiest congratulations to them, to their teachers and principal, and their families on their remarkable success.●

REMARKS OF FORMER SENATOR HANK BROWN

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, most of my colleagues in this body, I'm sure, remember my predecessor, Hank

Brown. He represented me for 10 years as the Congressman from Colorado's 4th district, and I had the further privilege of working with him during my 6 years in the House. Since he retired from this body in 1996, I have relied on his knowledge and experience. As you might know, Senator BROWN is now President Brown, the head of the University of Northern Colorado, in Greeley, the Senator's hometown.

Recently, President Brown spoke at the Colorado Prayer Luncheon in Denver. He spoke on God's love, and our role in this world. His thoughts are, as always, particularly insightful and relevant.

I ask to have these inspirational words printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The remarks follow.

REMARKS OF HANK BROWN, COLORADO PRAYER LUNCHEON

Ladies and Gentlemen, today is a day of renewal. It is a renewal of our commitment to our Maker as well as a renewal of our commitment to each other. The fact that so many different faiths join together in this luncheon is a sign of our commitment to each other's religious freedom.

The incomprehensible tragedy at Columbine is on all of our minds. It will reshape our lives as well as the families of the victims. Its impact will be with us for many years.

Next month it will be 46 years since my brother died in a gun accident. He was only 16—not much younger than the children who were murdered at Columbine. The other day my mother said to me that not a day goes by that she doesn't think of him and miss him. I suspect that the parents and loved ones of the victims at Columbine will be the same. The memory of those children will be with them every day for the rest of their lives.

How do we explain it? How do you reconcile the tragedy in your own mind?

We believe our God is good, we believe our God, is love, we believe our God is all-powerful and capable of controlling everything. How could something this evil be allowed to happen? It's not a new question. It's been with mankind throughout history.

A few thousand years ago, a fellow by the name of Job had the same questions. He was devout, religious and pious. He was committed to carrying on the work of his Lord, yet great tragedies were visited upon him. He lost his home. He lost his fortune. He lost his health. He even lost his beloved children. But he didn't lose his faith. And throughout it, he asked "Why?" Was he being tested? Was he being punished? I'm not sure we know. His friends came and talked to him, and they suggested that he must be being punished, that he must have done something wrong. And yet, of course Job hadn't. He hadn't been evil; he hadn't sinned. He'd kept the faith. The attitude of his friends perhaps is parallel to the way many of us think. It is natural to think that if we are good, if we follow the rules, if we observe the mandates, good things will happen to us. And yes, if we sin, we'll be punished. And yet, Job hadn't sinned. I don't pretend to know the answer. But I want to speculate with you this afternoon, and I want to suggest that part of the answer lies in God's purpose for our lives in this world.

What if this earthly existence is not intended to be a paradise? What if our Maker's